

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

**CIVIL MINUTES – GENERAL**

Case No. 2:23-cv-07850-JLS-E

Date: March 21, 2025

Title: Calumpad Balabis v. Elaine Angelica Linga et al

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Present: **Honorable JOSEPHINE L. STATON, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

Kelly Davis  
Deputy Clerk

N/A  
Court Reporter

Attorneys Present for Plaintiffs:

Not Present

Attorneys Present for Defendant:

Not Present

**PROCEEDINGS: (IN CHAMBERS) ORDER STRIKING NOTICE OF  
APPEARANCE OR WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL (Doc. 37)  
AND ORDERING COUNSEL TO APPEAR AT FINAL  
PRETRIAL CONFERENCE**

On March 20, 2025, Defendant’s Counsel Joseph Curtis Edmondson filed a “Notice of Appearance or Withdrawal of Counsel” seeking to withdraw as counsel in this case. (Doc. 37.) Edmondson represents that “at least one member of the firm or agency named above, and at least one member of the Bar of this Court, will continue to serve as counsel of record for the party or parties indicated,” yet elsewhere states in the same Notice that Defendant Elaine Angelica Linga will proceed *pro se*. (*Id.*) Pursuant to Local Rule 83-2.3.2, “[a]n attorney may not withdraw as counsel except by leave of court.” C.D. Cal. L.R. 83-2.3.2. Any motion for leave to withdraw “must be supported by good cause.” *Id.* On March 19, 2025, Edmondson filed a “Request for Approval of Substitution or Withdrawal of Counsel[;]” however; that Request remains pending before the Court. (*See* Doc. 34.) Because Edmondson has not yet obtained leave of Court to withdraw as counsel in this case, and because Edmondson’s representations as to who

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will continue to serve as counsel of record for Defendant are inconsistent, the Court  
STRIKES Edmondson's Notice.

Defendant's counsel is ordered to appear at the Final Pretrial Conference in this  
case, set for **March 28, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.**

Initials of Deputy Clerk: kd